

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-9-27**

Date Prepared: September 23, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: September 27, 1999  
Business Meeting: September 27, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. L99.7.9RUL – Default Supplier Disclosure rulemaking – Discuss proposed rules to notice for formal comment and hearing (9/27/99)
2. D98.8.192 – USWC – Unbundled network element and avoided cost pricing docket for USWC – General discussion of status of docket and condition to reinstate the procedural schedule (9/28/99)
3. D99.8.205 – USWC – USWC application to Detariff Toll and Operator Services – To act on motion for protective order (9/28/99)
4. FCC 96-45 – Western Wireless FCC Crow Reservation ETC – Discussion on filing comments before FCC (9/28/99)
5. Staff Travel – Travel for Janet Ellis to attend “Basics Course” offered through New Mexico State - Week of October 18 – Other staff travel if necessary (9/28/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. N97.7.90 (Eric)

On August 30, 1999, MPC requested that the accounting orders for CTC-RA and CTC-QF be extended until December 31, 1999. The reason for the extension is that the sale of MPC's generation did not close by September 1, 1999. MPC now estimates that the sale will close in mid-to-late October. On September 15, 1999, LCG filed comments which requested that the Commission eliminate the CTC-RA from rates at this time and decline to extend the CTC-RA Accounting Order. An Order has been drafted which grants the extension of the accounting orders to December 31, 1999.

2. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D97.11.219 (Eric)

On September 16, 1999, MPC filed its first semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a. This filing is made by MPC in its role as servicer of the Natural Gas Transition Bonds. If the previous six-month period variance between the scheduled debt service and the actual amounts available to satisfy the scheduled debt service for such period exceeds 2 percent MPC is required to apply for adjustment to the Fixed Transition Amount (FTA) charges. The variance for the period was an undercollection of 2.57 percent or \$129,416. Staff recommends that the increase in the FTA charges be approved effective October 1, 1999.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-10-4**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D99.9.215 – MDU – Integrated resource plan